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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 438,100 IN JANUARY

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 438,100 in January. While this figure represents a loss of 14,100 jobs from the December level of 452,200, it is 10,600 above the January 1986 total of 427,500.

Overall employment in Rhode Island fell in January, mainly as a result of sharp seasonal decreases in the Trade, Services, Construction, Jewelry-Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing divisions of the State's economy, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates for 1985 and 1986 have been revised to a first quarter 1986 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, as well as noncovered establishments, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1985-1986.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing jobs in Rhode Island declined by 2,200 in January to a level of 118,500. However, this figure represents a gain of 600 from the total of 117,900 reported in January 1986. In the Durable Goods category, the January employment total of 81,200 was down 1,700 from the December level, but increased 500 from the figure reported one year ago. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 37,300 was 500 below the December total but up 100 over the year ago level.

Within the Durable Goods producing sector, the largest monthly job decrease occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-900), followed by a drop of 600 in Miscellaneous Manufacturing. Downturns of 100 each were posted in Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, and Nonelectrical

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EMPLOYERS! RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE CAN HELP YOU

During 1986 the Rhode Island Job Service assisted many employers in filling their job openings. In the calendar year ending December 31, 1986 over 52% of all the job openings listed by employers with the Job Service were filled. A total of 16,748 job placements were made during that twelve-month period. Youth under age 22 accounted for over 47% of these placements and another 11% were veterans, including nearly eight hundred Vietnam-era veterans.

The Job Service is also responsive to the needs of job applicants who experience barriers to employment. More than 740 of the total placements were handicapped job-seekers, another 18% were members of minority groups and 11% of all the individuals placed were 40 years of age or older.

The Job Service is an experienced public employment agency and its trained professional staff can help you fill the openings in your work force. The Job Bank is a computerized listing of job openings statewide. If you need workers call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265). There is never a fee for using the R.I. Job Service. The Job Service operates a system of eleven local offices throughout Rhode Island. There's one near you. See the listing on page 2 of this Bulletin.

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JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Total Placements	646	738	1,061
New Applications	2,073	2,610	3,220
New Openings Rec'd.	1,257	1,389	1,867

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	% Change Dec. 1986
Initial Claims	11,198	19,520	- 42.6
No. of Payments	60,639	46,878	+ 29.4
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,104,353	$ 6,179,327	+ 31.2
Exhaustions	968	922	+ 5.0

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Initial Claims	3,903	3,145	3,604
No. of Payments	23,706	28,411	24,208
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,540,821	$ 4,274,366	$ 3,165,045

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	505.4	519.6	499.3
Unemployment	22.8	19.5	25.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	3.8	5.1
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.8	3.8	4.4

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	335.7	333.9	328.1
Unemployment	12.9	12.2	14.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.7	4.3

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	167.3	166.5	166.0
Unemployment	7.6	7.2	8.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	4.3	5.4

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	34,385	34,445	32,790
Unemployment	1,180	1,175	1,270
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.4	3.4	3.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 17-21, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	9,648	100.0
Men	4,886	50.6
Under 45	3,391	69.4
45 and over	1,495	30.6
Women	4,762	49.4
Under 45	3,021	63.4
45 and Over	1,741	36.6
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	833	8.6
Manufactruing	4,146	43.1
Public Utilities	462	4.8
Wholesale and Retail	1,988	20.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	293	3.0
Service	1,634	16.9
All Other	292	3.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,295	13.4
Clerical and Sales	2,296	23.7
Service	1,464	15.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	107	1.1
Processing	401	4.1
Machine Trades	817	8.5
Bench Work	1,156	12.0
Structural Work	1,294	13.4
Miscellaneous	816	8.5
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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	438.1	452.2	427.5	- 14,100	+ 10,600
MANUFACTURING	118.5	120.7	117.9	- 2,200	+ 600
NONMANUFACTURING	319.6	331.5	309.6	- 11,900	+ 10,000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	15.8	17.6	14.2	- 1,800	+ 1,600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.6	14.8	14.0	- 200	+ 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	97.1	102.8	94.7	- 5,700	+ 2,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.1	25.1	24.2	-	+ 900
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	108.3	112.2	104.2	- 3,900	+ 4,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.7	59.0	58.3	- 300	+ 400

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.5	120.7	117.9	- 2200	+ 600	330.89	314.65	40.8	40.6	8.11	7.75
DURABLE GOODS	81.2	82.9	80.7	- 1700	+ 500	329.25	316.98	40.9	40.9	8.05	7.75
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.3	3.3	3.0	-	+ 300	376.12	373.01	40.4	40.9	9.31	9.12
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 100	-	421.17	391.27	41.7	40.8	10.10	9.59
PRIMARY METALS	5.5	5.5	5.6	-	- 100	400.46	373.33	43.2	41.9	9.27	8.91
FABRICATED METALS	9.9	10.0	9.8	- 100	+ 100	298.85	283.11	39.9	40.1	7.49	7.06
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.8*	5.9*	5.5*	- 100	+ 300	446.55	433.34	44.7	44.4	9.99	9.76
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	12.2	12.1	-	+ 100	308.56	305.59	40.6	40.8	7.60	7.49
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.4	9.1	-	+ 300	433.61	413.70	41.1	40.4	10.55	10.24
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	4.9*	4.9*	+ 100	+ 100	338.67	313.02	42.6	42.3	7.95	7.40
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.3	24.2	24.1	- 900	- 800	261.35	254.61	40.9	41.0	6.39	6.21
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.2	5.8	5.0	- 600	+ 200	240.82	229.16	34.6	33.7	6.96	6.80
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.3	37.8	37.2	- 500	+ 100	333.72	311.95	40.5	40.2	8.24	7.76
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.4	3.4	-	-	273.06	249.31	37.1	37.1	7.36	6.72
TEXTILES	10.2	10.3	10.3	- 100	- 100	310.76	297.62	41.6	41.8	7.47	7.12
APPAREL	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 100	- 100	292.83	269.53	43.0	40.9	6.81	6.77
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 100	-	295.10	287.70	41.1	41.1	7.18	7.00
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	6.8	6.4	-	+ 400	414.70	397.88	37.7	37.5	11.00	10.61
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	-	-	433.42	413.17	41.2	41.4	10.52	9.98
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 100	-	346.52	315.90	41.8	40.5	8.29	7.80
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.1	-	-	347.35	308.88	41.9	39.6	8.29	7.80
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	2.3	2.3	- 100	- 100	232.06	227.26	39.6	39.8	5.86	5.71

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Machinery. Employment in Instruments showed a monthly gain of 100. Payrolls in the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from December to January. On an annual basis, the only employment decreases were registered in Jewelry-Silverware (-800) and Primary Metals (-100). Conversely, annual job gains were recorded in Lumber/Furniture, Nonelectrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment (+300 each), Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+200), and Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery, and Instruments (+100 each). Stone-Clay-Glass employment was unchanged compared to a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly payroll reductions of 100 each were evident in Textiles, Apparel, Paper Products, Rubber Products, and Leather Products. The remaining segments stayed at their December employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the sole Nondurable Goods employment increase occurred in Printing-Publishing (+400). Annual job declines of 100 each were reported in Textiles, Apparel, and Leather Products. Employment in the five remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from January 1986.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector decreased by 11,900 from December to January, primarily due to seasonal reductions in Wholesale and Retail Trade, Services, and Construction. However, the January total of 319,600 was 10,000 jobs above the January 1986 level of 309,600.

Wholesale and Retail Trade reflected reduced post-holiday activity, declining by 5,700 jobs from December to a level of 97,100; this figure represents an annual increase of 2,400, however. Another sizable employment decrease was reported in the Services category, which fell 3,900 to 108,300, but this was a gain of 4,100 from January 1986. Contract Construction, at 15,800, also displayed a rather large seasonal reduction (-1,800), but again, this segment was up (+1,600) over its year ago figure. Total Government employment declined by 300 monthly to a level of 58,700, but this was up 400 from January 1986. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 14,600, reported a monthly decrease of 200 workers, still, this was 600 higher than the January 1986 total. Although Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate showed no monthly payroll change, its current job level of 25,100 is up 900 compared to a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 7 cents to $8.11 in January; this represents a gain of 36 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week remained at 40.8 hours in January, but this was 0.2 of an hour greater than the January 1986 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in January amounted to $330.89, which was an increase of $2.86 from December; the current weekly earnings level was also up $16.24 from January of last year. Hours and earnings figures for 1986 have been revised to reflect updated survey data.

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